

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. As of late 1953, there was a representative of the Transport Directorate (sic)<sup>1</sup> of the MVD on board all Soviet merchant vessels. This representative was the captain of the vessel or one of his assistants who served as gruppovod or leader of a group of sub-agents. He was responsible for counterintelligence work among the crew. Passive control measures included intensive and repeated briefings of crew members, and the general prohibition against going ashore other than in groups.
2. As of 1950, there was no longer any restriction on the amount of goods that Soviet officials returning from abroad could bring into the USSR duty-free. The Ministry of Foreign Trade controls Soviet customs procedures.
3. Soviet commercial dealings with foreign firms are on a strictly business basis and the ideology of the firm or its people does not matter. Other things being equal, however, the Soviets naturally prefer to deal with friendly firms.

1.  Comment:  As of November 1952, this function was performed by the Chief Directorate of Rail and Water Transport Security of the MGB (Glavnoye Upravleniye Okhrany Na Zheleznno-dorozhnom i Vodnom Transporte). On the basis of available information, as of early 1954, this function is performed by the Sixth Directorate of the MVD.

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